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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: ARMS EMBARGO: SALE OF TELEDYNE DIESELS TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: NOTE FROM SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED 16 APRIL 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT
QUERY FROM AF/S DATED 28 APRIL 1975.

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED MR. L. OSSIP, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL COMPONENTS (PTY) LTD., TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON PROJECTED AGRICULTURAL USE OF OFF THE ROAD HAULING EQUIPMENT TO BE BUILT BY VETSAK. OSSIP STATED THAT ALTHOUGH PRIMARY USE OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE FOR OFF THE ROAD ORE HAULING, VETSAK IS ALSO EXPLORING OTHER AREAS IN WHICH SUCH A VEHICLE MIGHT BE USED IN ORDER TO INCREASE SALES OF VEHICLE. SINCE VETSAK IS AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE, THEIR FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO USE VEHICLE IN AGRICULTURE. VETSAK HAS NOT MADE ANY DEFINITE PLANS FOR USE OF VEHICLE IN AGRICULTURE PENDING OUTCOME OF TEST OF PROTOTYPE VEHICLES, BUT TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR USING VEHICLE TO HAUL GROUND NUTS, MEALIE BAGS AND OTHER LIKE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. OSSIP COMMENTED THAT IF THIS NEW VEHICLE PROVES TO BE CONOMICALLY AND MECHANICALLY VIABLE AND USEFUL IN AGRICULTURE AND OTHER AS YET UNSPECIFIED

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AREAS, THE TOTAL DEMAND FOR TELEDYNE DIESEL ENGINES WOULD

PROBABLY EXCEED THE 300 NOW ORDERED.

2. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF QUESTION, OSSIP STATED THAT VETSAK HAD ORDERED THREE ENGINES WHICH ARE DUE TO BE SHIPPED IN AUGUST 1975 AND WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE SOUTH AFRICA SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. OSSIP SAID THAT AS SOON AS ENGINES ARE INSTALLED IN VEHICLES, HE WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT INSPECTION AS AGREED.

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